

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update
January 2004**

Mid-Quarter Instructions

Listed below are instructions for the January Quarter that will not be released by January 1, 2003. Due to the nature of these routine or recurring items, a full 90-day advance notice could not be given. Unless noted below, these instructions have an implementation date of April 1, 2003.

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SUBJECT	DATE RELEASED
<u>April 2004 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System</u> Transmittal 132, Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 1.4 MB)	Released: 03/30/2004 Impl. Date: 04/05/2004
<u>Implementation of Section 508(f) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-173)</u> Transmittal 65, One-Time Notification Manual (PDF - 233 KB)	Released: 03/26/2004 Impl. Date: 04/26/2004
<u>Implementation of Sections 401, 402, 504 and 508(a) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-173)</u> Transmittal 64, One-Time Notification Manual (PDF - 298 KB)	Released: 03/26/2004 Impl. Date: 04/05/2004
<u>Physician Self-Referral Prohibition; 18-Month Moratorium on Physician Investment in Specialty Hospitals</u> Transmittal 128, Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 233 KB)	Released: 03/26/2004 Impl. Date: N/A
<u>Physician Self-Referral Prohibition; 18-Month Moratorium on Physician Investment in Specialty Hospitals</u> Transmittal 62, One-Time Notification Manual (PDF - 266 KB)	Released: 03/19/2004 Impl. Date: 04/02/2004
<u>April Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version 5.1</u> Transmittal 123, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 1.1 MB)	Released: 03/19/2004 Impl. Date: 04/05/2004
<u>Electronic Reporting Specifications for Form CMS-1984-99</u> Transmittal 5, Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual, Part 2 (PDF - 999 KB)	Released: 03/19/2004 Impl. Date: N/A
<u>April Update to the January Medicare Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version 19.1 R1 For Bills From Hospitals That Are Not Paid Under The Outpatient Prospective Payment System</u> Transmittal 120, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 255 KB)	Released: 03/19/2004 Impl. Date: 04/05/2004
<u>Instructions for downloading the Medicare zip code file.</u> Transmittal 117, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 84 KB)	Released: 03/05/2004 Impl. Date: 04/05/2004
<u>Updated Policy and Claims Processing Instructions for Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring (ABPM)</u> Transmittal 109, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 105 KB)	Released: 02/27/2004 Impl. Date: 04/05/2004

<u>April 2004 Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Payment for Drugs, Biologicals and Radiopharmaceuticals, Generic Versus Brand Name</u> Transmittal 112, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 103 KB)	Released: 02/27/2004 Impl. Date: 04/05/2004
<u>Claims Requiring Adjustment As a Result of April 2004 Changes to the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)</u> Transmittal 113, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 102 KB)	Released: 02/27/2004 Impl. Date: 04/05/2004
<u>Payment For Services Provided Under a Contractual Agreement</u> Transmittal 111, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 102 KB)	Released: 02/27/2004 Impl. Date: 03/12/2004
<u>Restoring Composite Rate Exceptions for Pediatric Facilities Under the ESRD Composite Rate System</u> Transmittal 7, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (PDF - 99 KB)	Released: 02/20/2004 Impl. Date: 04/01/2004
<u>Chapter 7--Medicare+Choice-Enrollment and Disenrollment</u> Transmittal 47, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 1.6 MB)	Released: 02/20/2004 Impl. Date: 04/05/2004
<u>Temporary 5 Percent Payment Increase for Home Health Services Furnished in a Rural Area for One Year Under the Home Health Prospective Payment System (HH PPS), Change of HH PPS Annual Update from a Fiscal Year Update to a Calendar Year Update, and Adjustment of HH PPS Annual Update to the Home Health Market Basket Percentage Increase Minus 0.8 Percent</u> Transmittal 59, One-Time Notification (PDF - 101 KB)	Released: 02/20/2004 Impl. Date: 04/05/2004
<u>Restoring Composite Rate Exceptions for Pediatric Facilities Under the ESRD Composite Rate System</u> Transmittal 101, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 102 KB)	Released: 02/20/2004 Impl. Date: 04/01/2004
<u>New Waived Tests--April 1, 2004</u> Transmittal 102, Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 102 KB)	Released: 02/20/2004 Impl. Date: 04/05/2004
<u>DMERCs and VIPs, Processing NDC Numbers</u> Transmittal 104, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 93 KB)	Released: 02/20/2004 Impl. Date: 04/05/2004
<u>1st Update to the 2004 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database</u> Transmittal 105, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 96 KB)	Released: 02/20/2004 Impl. Date: 04/05/2004
<u>Chapter 13, Grievances Organization Determinations and Appeals</u> Transmittal 45, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 131 KB)	Released: 02/13/2004 Impl. Date: N/A
<u>Chapter 19, Managed Care and M+C Systems Requirements</u> Transmittal 46, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 300 KB)	Released: 02/13/2004 Impl. Date: N/A
<u>Remittance Advice Remark Code and Claim Adjustment Reason Code Update</u> Transmittal 93, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 171 KB)	Released: 02/06/2004 Impl. Date: 04/05/2004
<u>Updates to the January 2004 Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing Enforcement.</u> Transmittal 92, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 366 KB)	Released: 02/06/2004 Impl. Date: 04/05/2004
<u>Change in Methodolgy fir Determining Payment for Outliers</u> Transmittal 77, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 331 KB)	Released: 02/06/2004 Impl. Date: 03/08/2004
<u>Introduction of "Medlearn Matters...Information for</u>	Released: 02/05/2004

<u>Medicare Providers" and Instructions for Carrier/Intermediary Use of This New Provider Education Vehicle</u> Transmittal 54, One-Time Notification (PDF - 102 KB)	Impl. Date: 03/08/2004
<u>Transfer of "WW" Codes for Oral Anti-Cancer Drugs Billed Using National Drug Codes (NDCs) on Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier (DMERC) Claims</u> Transmittal 48, One-Time Notification (PDF - 103 KB)	Released: 01/30/2004 Impl. Date: 04/01/2004
<u>Notice of New Interest Rates for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments</u> Transmittal 30, Medicare Financial Management Manual (PDF - 101 KB)	Released: 01/28/2004 Impl. Date: 02/04/2004
<u>Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software</u> Transmittal 71, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 322 KB)	Released: 01/23/2004 Impl. Date: 04/05/2004
<u>Emergency Correction to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes for Low Osmolar Contrast Material</u> Transmittal 45, One-Time Notification (PDF - 143 KB)	Released: 01/23/2004 Impl. Date: 04/05/2004
<u>Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) edits, Version 10.1, Effective April 1, 2004</u> Transmittal 66, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 98 KB)	Released: 01/16/2004 Impl. Date: 04/05/2004
<u>Diagnosis coding instructions for anticipated payment and claims to conform with HIPAA requirements</u> Transmittal 61, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 99 KB)	Released: 01/16/2004 Impl. Date: 02/16/2004
<u>Chapter 2, Enrollment and Disenrollment</u> Transmittal 41, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 506 KB)	Released: 01/09/2004 Impl. Date: N/A
<u>Chapter 3, Marketing</u> Transmittal 42, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 412 KB)	Released: 01/09/2004 Impl. Date: N/A
<u>Chapter 4, Benefits and Beneficiary Protection</u> Transmittal 43, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 139 KB)	Released: 01/09/2004 Impl. Date: N/A
<u>Chapter 6, Relationships With Providers</u> Transmittal 44, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 111 KB)	Released: 01/09/2004 Impl. Date: N/A
<u>Provider Education Article: Renewed Moratorium on Outpatient Rehabilitation Therapy Caps</u> Transmittal 40, One-Time Notification (PDF - 98 KB)	Released: 01/06/2004 Impl. Date: 01/20/2004
<u>Clarification of Proof of Delivery Requirements</u> Transmittal 61, Medicare Program Integrity Manual (PDF - 281 KB)	Released: 01/02/2004 Impl. Date: 02/02/2004
<u>April Quarterly DMEPOS Fee Schedule Update</u> Transmittal 58, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 241 KB)	Released: 01/02/2004 Impl. Date: 04/05/2004
<u>Home Health Cost Reporting Processes</u> Transmittal 37, One-Time Notification (PDF - 92.3 KB)	Released: 01/02/2004 Impl. Date: 02/02/2004
<u>Dentists, podiatrists, and optometrists are added to the definition/list of physicians who may opt out of Medicare</u> Transmittal 4, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (PDF - 314 KB)	Released: 01/02/2004 Impl. Date: 02/02/2004
Managed Care Manual Updates	Additional Releases Pending
Provider Education Articles	Additional Releases Pending

Autologous Blood-Derived Products for Chronic Non-Healing Wounds	Not yet released
Arthroscopy for Osteoarthritic Knees	Not yet released
Physician Fee Schedule Database Update	Not yet released
Update to List of CLIA Waived Tests	Not yet released
Hospital Outpatient PPS - Quarterly Update (Includes OCE and Pricer)	Not yet released
Addition/Deletion of HCPCS Codes	Not yet released
Update to K Codes	Not yet released
Electronic Correspondence Referral system (ECRS)	Not yet released
New ZIP Code Files -Quarterly Update	Not yet released
Remittance Advice Reason and Remark Code Update - Quarterly Update	Not yet released
Quarterly Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Home Health	Not yet released
PS & R Update	Not yet released
Payment of Immunosuppressive Drug Therapy	Not yet released
Special One-Time Costs Associated with Non-Continuation of the Medicare Contract	Not yet released
Promoting Medicare's Preventive Benefit Services on an Annual Basis	Not yet released
Cardiac Output Monitoring by Electrical Bioimpedance	Not yet released
Medicare Termination of Beneficiaries With End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Overpayment Instructions to Contractors	Not yet released
Expansion of Transfer Policy Under IPPS	Not yet released
Implementation of the PWK Segment	Not yet released
National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) Batch Transaction Standard 1.1 Billing Request Companion Document	Not yet released
Provider Education Article, Stopping Abuse of the Power Wheelchair Benefit	Not yet released
Current Perception Threshold/Sensory Nerve Conduction Threshold Test (sNCT)	Not yet released
Revisions to HH Chapter of Claims Processing Manual to Reflect HIPAA Diagnosis Coding Requirements.	Not yet released
Fecal-Occult Blood Tests	Not yet released
Change in Methodology for Determining Payment for Outliers Under the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment Systems	Not yet released
Clarification to Certain Exceptions to Medicare Limits on Physician Referrals	Not yet released